8. Sir S. S. Ramphal, (Guyana—currently resident in UK)

9. Dato Seri S. Samy Vellu, (Malaysia)

10. Mr. Ujjal Dosanjh, (Canada)

(c) The High Level Committee headed by Dr. L.M. Singhvi recommended that these awards may be conferred every year on NRIs and PIOs who have made outstanding contributions towards fostering better understanding abroad of India and its civilization; for persons among them two have extended their support to India's causes and concerns; and those who have advanced her interests internationally. The awards may also be given for significant contributions or service to the Indian Diaspora. Further, the award may carry a 'sanad' and a citation.

Review of nuclear defence policy

252. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have reviewed its nuclear defence policy and strategy of no-first use of nuclear weapons in the light of Pak-President's New Year Eve (2003) outbursts threatening use of atomic weapons as a counter to conventional war by India, including any violation of the Line of Control in Kashmir by Indian forces; and

(b) if so, Government's decision in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) and (b) Government reviewed on January 4, 2003 the operationalization of India's Nuclear Doctrine and made public information regarding the nuclear doctrine and operational arrangements governing India's nuclear assets including the No-First Use posture i.e., nuclear weapons will only b'e used in retaliation against a nuclear attack on Indian territory or on Indian forces anywhere.

Evacuation of Indians during US-Iraq war

253. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have instructed its Missions to make